

Carthorpe Parish Council

MINUTES

of the meeting held on Monday 28 November 2022
in Carthorpe Community Hall

Present

Mr Jonathan Jessop	- Chairman (JJ)	Cllr David Webster	- District Councillor (DW)
Mr Kevin Askham	- Parish Councillor (KA)	Mrs Maggie Haigh	- Clerk (MH)
Mr Martin Deal	- Parish Councillor (MD)	8 members of the public	
Mr Charlie Craggs	- Parish Councillor (CC)		

22.59 Apologies for Absence

22.59.1 There were no apologies received.

22.60 Declarations of Interest

22.60.1 There were no declarations of interest.

22.61 Minutes of Previous Meeting

22.61.1 The minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2022 were approved and signed as correct.

22.62 Matters Arising

22.62.1 *Oil Buying Group* – JJ reported that Fuel suppliers had been approached for their views on such schemes. Initially, a volunteer would be required to collect data from interested residents, which would then be handed over to one fuel supplier. From there, the supplier would contact residents to advise when they were in the area delivering and what the price was. This would tie the group to one supplier. David Lindsey advised that such a group already exists. Details to be forwarded for consideration. (see link here - <https://www.oil-club.co.uk/> There is a Bedale, Patrick Brompton, Kirklington & Hunton Club).

JJ

Street Lighting – MD reported that the matter had been chased and that the replacement installation notification was with the contractor.

MD

Litter Pick – JJ thanked all who took part and suggested the Community Hall be included the next time.

22.63 Finance

22.63.1 *Receipts & Expenditure*

A brief summary of the financial situation was given. £8029.71 closing balance of which £4629.72 is CIL funds (including £1000 HDC Locality Grant).

PKF Littlejohn have again been appointed as Auditors for 2022 – 2027 period.

All agreed that a donation of £100 be paid to Gary Hullah for grass cutting during 2022.

MH

22.63.2 *Barclays Savings Account*

Total stands at £747.05.

22.64 Planning

22.64.1 22/02222/FUL Swimming Pool – Camp Hill – Granted.

22.65 Councillor Report

22.5.1 *HDC/NYCC* – DW reported that local news reports were claiming HDC had spent £767k on severance payments to senior staff, but DW would like to highlight to

residents that this sum includes pension payments. A new NYC Local Assistance Fund has been set up. Residents can check the following website for eligibility and application forms: www.northyorks.gov.uk/cost-living-support (link on PC website).

MH

Cllr Margaret Atkinson, who was appointed to serve as the last ever chair of NYCC sadly died earlier in the month.

22.66 Review of Correspondence Received

22.66.1 All had been circulated.

22.67 Matters for Discussion

22.67.1 *CIL Project Update & HDC Locality Grant*

JJ expressed thanks to DW for bringing the Locality Grant to the attention of the PC. The application was successful and a grant of £1000 towards the cost of a refurbished red telephone box had gratefully been received. The telephone box is now in sandblasting and painting phase and will be sited in the position of the old BT phone box. A further £2k (approx.) to come out of CIL funds toward the cost & installation. Suggestions for use welcomed. So far suggested – book/jigsaw/ plant swap, extension of the noticeboard.

JJ/MH

22.67.2 *Permissive Path/Footpath report*

JJ reported that the ploughing out of field edge footpaths had been reported to NY Footpaths Officer to follow up. It appeared to be an issue primarily on Dunkley land.

JJ reported that dog fouling around the village had become a heated issue on Facebook. In an attempt to calm matters, JJ had posted a guide to the rules regarding CCTV.

Permissive Path – residents were still walking around the periphery of CC's field. It was suggested that the unofficial ditch crossing be fenced off by CC and that the actual footpath across the field be marked with stakes. CC agreed.

CC

New Stile from Hodgson land onto Mires Lane – is not dog friendly. Andrew Ashford agreed to installing a dog flap.

22.67.3 *Community Hall*

JJ reported: **Community Hall - Meeting with Rev'd Gareth & Andrew Ashford & Jonathon Jessop 23/11/2022**

Meeting was convened to get clarity on the History & Status of the Community Hall following questions from people in the village.

A bullet pointed synopsis of the meeting follows:

- The Old Schoolroom (Yarnwick House), was a Methodist Church (MC) owned property used by the village for community events up until 2000, when it was sold off by the MC. All the restrictions and rules of use in place on the Community Hall were also in place on the Schoolroom.
- The Schoolroom was sold off as it was deemed unsuitable for use and had structural issues.
- All the money from the sale were put into the building of the current Community Hall.
- The Community Hall was named as such in order to open it up to the wider community.
- Lottery funding was obtained to help with the build and this was on the basis of it being a community needed space.

- It is however still owned and operated by the MC and as such the rules of the MC apply, specifically around the consumption of alcohol on premises being forbidden. This rule is cast in stone and cannot be changed.
- The members of Carthorpe Methodist Chapel pay an “assessment” (“membership fee”) to the central MC in order to keep the Chapel going. All costs of running the Chapel & The Community Hall are currently paid for by the Members, and there are only 20-30 members.
- Suggestion that a link to Chapel Service dates and events be put on the Carthorpe PC website.
- Going forward the MC & Carthorpe MC members would like the hall to be used by the Community more.
- A perceived “wall” seems to exist in that some members of the community feel that Carthorpe MC members “guard” the chapel and make it unapproachable or restrictive to hire.
- All agreed that this should not be the case and the Hall should be readily available for Community use on the basis that the Hall is left as it is found.
- Hire charges have recently increased from £8/hr to £10/hr
- To Hire currently – ring Mary Hudson who organises the timetable and keys etc. (Maybe an email request booking link from the Carthorpe PC website?)
- Cleaning the Hall – currently only about 2 members of Carthorpe MC do this – perhaps this should be opened up to “Community Cleans”.
- The Hall (& Chapel) must remain financially viable otherwise the risk is that the MC could sell off the property, leaving the village with no community space.

MH

Agreed that a link to the Community Hall & Chapel be added to PC website.

22.67.4 *Cost of Living Crisis*

JJ invited David Foulds (DF) to address the meeting.

DF reported that St. Lambert’s Food Club had been installed at the rear of the church. Residents of Burneston & Carthorpe to be encouraged to take what they need or donate if possible. Souper Friday was up and running at Kirklington Village Hall offering food, a warm space and companionship. All were asked to spread the word. A stock of fliers to be made available.

DF also advised that *Village Life* was running out of funds. The matter is being addressed but all ideas are welcomed.

22.67.5 *Precept 2023-24*

JJ reported that a spreadsheet to assist with Precept calculations had been received. To be looked at and email circulated to assist with decision making.

JJ

Agreed that the announced Council Tax increases for HDC residents (to align rates for the new NY Council should be considered when setting Carthorpe Precept.

22.67.6 *Area 2 Workshop Report*

MH attended the above Highways workshop on 16 November. Parish Councils were encouraged to use the PC Portal for reporting any highways issues.

Residents to be encouraged to report issues directly through the Public Portal. A link to be added to website.

MH

The workshop encouraged Parish Councils to undertake NY Highways speed surveys before engaging with the 20's Plenty movement. All at the meeting agreed that the Carthorpe speed survey had clearly shown no need to engage with 20's Plenty.

22.67.7 *New Council Member*

All agreed that nominations should be sought for a new Council Member to be co-opted onto the PC. Advice to be requested from the Elections Officer, HDC.

MH

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 January 2023
at Carthorpe Community Hall.